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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

My opinion is that the antitrust action against Microsoft
should be concluded as soon as possible according to the
proposed settlement agreement.

I am 45 years old and have worked in the software business
for the past 20 years as an engineer and consultant. The
software business is a highly competitive industry characterized
by brainy people, money, and light speed. Microsoft has earned
it's leadership position by producing some of the industry's best
software at the lowest price possible. Many competing companies
demand drastically higher prices for their products. Oracle's
database software sells at a list price of over 100 times the list
price of Microsoft's competing product. Sun Microsystems
products also carry heavily inflated prices, when compared
with Microsoft. These companies are seeking to cripple Microsoft's
business by government intervention because they have failed
to compete fairly with Microsoft on software quality and pricing in
the marketplace. Without Microsoft, consumers of software
products would be paying a multiple of the price they currently
pay for their software. No company has ever served product
consumers more faithfully and effectively than Microsoft. It
is ironic that millions of tax and shareholder dollars have been
fed into this sorry spectacle of antitrust action in the name of
protecting the consumer. I can think of nothing more inflationary
and damaging to our economy than to introduce legal restrictions
on Microsoft's business that will favor their adversaries and
their exorbitant pricing schemes. Public confidence in the
judicial system as well as the financial markets rests on the
outcome of this case. If Microsoft can be successfully assaulted
through the courts in this way, then no person or company is
safe from such a blatant misuse of our system of justice.

Respectfully,

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